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FOR AMBASSADOR MARSHALL SHULMAN FROM LUERS

E.O. 11652: XGDS-2

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SUBJECT: INTERIM GUIDANCE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF U.S.-SOVIET EXCHANGES

1. WE HAVE AS SCHEDULED A MEETING OF THE ICCUSA EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES (INCLUDING ICA AND NAS) FOR FRIDAY MORNING TO BRIEF THEM ON THE CURRENT SITUATION AS IT PERTAINS TO THEIR AGREEMENTS AND GIVE THEM GUIDANCE FOR ACTIVITIES.

2. SUBJECT TO ANY DECISIONS THAT MAY COME FROM CONVERSATIONS HERE OVER THE NEXT TWO DAYS, WE PLAN TO PURSUE THE FOLLOWING INTERIM GUIDELINES FOR OUR EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES WITH THE SOVIETS:

A. CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES SHOULD GO FORWARD.
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B. IN S&T EXCHANGES, PROMINENT EVENTS SUCH AS HIGH-LEVEL TRAVEL AND ACTIONS WHICH IMPLY NEW OR CHANGED COMMITMENTS ON MAJOR PROGRAMS (E.G. SHUTTLE/SALYUT) WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE AND CAREFULLY REVIEWED OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. (THE ONLY SUCH VISIT IMMEDIATELY AT ISSUE IS THE TRAVEL AT THE END OF JULY BY HUD ASSISTANT SECRE-

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C. ON-GOING EXCHANGE PROJECTS MAY CONTINUE EXCEPT INSOFAR AS POINT B ABOVE PERTAINS, AND DEPENDING ON THE INDIVIDUAL DECISIONS OF PARTICIPANTS. WE ARE RECOMMENDING TO DR. PRESS THAT THE S&T AGREEMENT PROCEED ON THESE LINES FOLLOWING CANCELLATION OF HIS VISIT.

D. NO NEW PROJECT/COMMITMENTS WILL BE MADE, EXCEPT WHERE THERE IS A CLEAR AND STRONG U.S. INTEREST.

3. I WOULD WELCOME ANY FURTHER THOUGHTS YOU MAY HAVE ON THE ABOVE.

4. FYI. DEPUTY SECRETARY TOLD HUD SECRETARY PATRICIA HARRIS TODAY THAT SIMON'S JULY 28 TRIP SHOULD BE PUT ON HOLD FOR ONE WEEK. SIMON'S DELEGATION CONSISTS OF FIVE PEOPLE. PURPOSE IS TO DISCUSS NEW CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES, ESPECIALLY FIRE PREVENTION. HUD IS ENTIRELY COOPERATIVE. CHRISTOPHER

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